

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

### IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A sealing device in accordance with claim ~~[1]~~9, wherein

the sealing body has one axial seal located in the recess and a further radial seal which mates with a surface which bounds the space between the connector body and the housing wall.

3. (Currently Amended) A sealing device in accordance with claim ~~[1]~~9, wherein

the sealing body is operable to be fixed by means of a clamping device which applies a force to the sealing body in the axial direction.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A sealing device in accordance with claim ~~[1]~~9, further comprising a sealing ring with an internal thread screwed onto the conducting element to fix the sealing body with respect to the housing wall.

6-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A sealing device comprising:  
a conducting element which can be inserted off-center in a through-hole in a  
housing wall, said sealing device having a sealing body touching both the conducting  
element and the housing wall,

wherein in the region where the sealing body contacts the conducting element  
and the housing wall, the cross-sectional profile of the conducting element has at least  
one recess within which the sealing body can be moved in a radial direction~~A sealing~~  
~~device in accordance with claim 5,~~

wherein ~~an end~~ a limiting stop is formed on the sealing body in a position which lies  
within the recess.

9. (Currently Amended) A sealing device comprising:  
a conducting element which can be inserted off-center in a through-hole in a housing wall, said sealing device having a sealing body touching both the conducting element and the housing wall,

wherein in the region where the sealing body contacts the conducting element and the housing wall, the cross-sectional profile of the conducting element has at least one recess within which the sealing body can be moved in a radial direction~~A sealing device in accordance with claim 1,~~

wherein the sealing body is attached to the conducting element by a positive retainer comprising: at least one engagement rib provided on the sealing cuff and at least one recess in the connector body.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim ~~[10]~~14, further comprising the step of fixing the sealing body with a clamping device that applies a force to the sealing body in the axial direction.

12. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim ~~[10]~~14, further comprising the step of:

screwing a sealing ring with an internal thread onto the conducting element which comprises the recess to fix the sealing body.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method for sealing comprising the steps of:  
- using a sealing device comprising a conducting element which can be inserted  
off-center in a through-hole in a housing wall, and which has a sealing body touching  
both the conducting element and the housing wall,

wherein in the region where the sealing body contacts the conducting element  
and the housing wall, the cross-sectional profile of the housing wall and the conducting  
element has at least one recess within which the sealing body can be moved in a radial  
direction, to seal an eccentric through-hole for the conducting element, through the  
housing wall of a gearbox, and~~A method in accordance with claim 10, further~~  
~~comprising the step of:~~

- attaching the sealing body to the conducting element by means of a positive retainer  
comprising: at least one engagement rib provided on the sealing cuff and at least one  
recess in the connector body.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (New) A sealing device in accordance with claim 8, wherein  
the sealing body has one axial seal located in the recess and a further radial  
seal which mates with a surface which bounds the space between the connector body and the  
housing wall.

19. (New) A sealing device in accordance with claim 8, wherein  
the sealing body is operable to be fixed by means of a clamping device which  
applies a force to the sealing body in the axial direction.

20. (New) A sealing device in accordance with claim 8, further comprising a sealing ring with an internal thread screwed onto the conducting element to fix the sealing body with respect to the housing wall.

21. (New) A method in accordance with claim 14, further comprising:  
positioning an axial seal in the recess; and  
positioning a further radial seal so as to engage a surface which bounds the space between the connector body and the housing wall.